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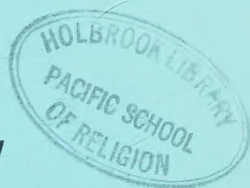
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## You are necessary

GENELLE AUSTIN-LETT

Suicide is *not* the way out of problems. But for years that remained the last resort for me, until I gained a clear concept of God as Life and man as His spiritual idea.

A long line of rejections, a deep-seated feeling of inferiority, had left me feeling unloved and unnecessary. Frequently I would think the only way out of wretched relationships, unemployment, disease, and depraved appetites was to end my life.

Several friends and psychologists recommended self-help books and self-awareness courses. However, I had been brought up as a Christian Scientist, and I wanted to solve this problem through getting a better understanding of God and my role in life.

One day while studying *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, who discovered and founded Christian Science, I read, "God is incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love." And further, "The attributes of God are justice, mercy, wisdom,



goodness, and so on.”<sup>1</sup> I remembered an exercise I had done in Sunday School—listing all the attributes of God I could think of. I decided to repeat this assignment, but this time I divided the page into seven columns, placing a different synonym for God at the top of each. Then I began listing the divine attributes in each column.

After I had exhausted the use of dictionaries and Concordances to the Bible and to Mrs. Eddy’s writings, I stopped and acknowledged that as God’s idea I reflected every attribute I had listed. Then I began writing such statements as: “God is Mind, therefore I am intelligent; God is Love, therefore I am loving; God is Truth, therefore I am truthful; God is Spirit, therefore I am secure; God is Soul, therefore I am original; God is Principle, therefore I am obedient; God is Life, therefore I am necessary.”

Suddenly the word “necessary” came flying off the page. “God is Life, therefore I am *necessary!*” I read. Why hadn’t I seen this before? I took my list of attributes of Life and began working with each one of them. I had found a way to understand God as my Life and to understand my purpose of reflecting Him. I continued writing: “God is Life, therefore I am acceptable, active, essential, infinite, required, permanent, predestined, preserved, complete, sufficient, enough.” I could really see that because God is Life, I am enough; nothing needs to be added to me. And because I am sufficient, perfect, I include beauty, wisdom, and intelligence. I am infinite because I am spiritual, I reasoned. I can’t end my predestined existence because divine Spirit preserves me. I am required; my activity is to reflect God.

How could I continue to think I was unacceptable or unnecessary? God needed me. It was so comforting to know that, as Christ Jesus so vividly taught in his Sermon on the Mount, God really loves me and cares for me.

But I still questioned how I could demonstrate my God-given usefulness in present living. That evening before turning out the lights I opened Mrs. Eddy’s *Miscellaneous Writings* at random to my answer: “Pray without ceasing. Watch diligently; never desert the post of spiritual observation and self-examination. Strive for self-abnegation, justice, meekness, mercy, purity, love. Let your light reflect Light. Have no ambition, affection, nor

aim apart from holiness. Forget not for a moment, that God is All-in-all—therefore, that in reality there is but one cause and effect.”<sup>2</sup>

My purpose was plain. I had the great privilege of living and working out the challenges around me. I didn’t need to believe the lies of ineptitude and disease that would make me think I was separated from my Father-Mother God. I didn’t need to give up. Death is not freedom. Suicide is never an answer. The realization that God needs me, that I am a necessary part of His eternal family, has kept me free from any further consideration of self-destruction.

Regardless of what may tempt you to believe you are unnecessary and unloved, remember that God needs you. You are necessary to Him. And He *loves* you!

<sup>1</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 465; <sup>2</sup> *Mis.*, pp. 154–155.

## Why did it happen?

JANICE A. MILITELLO

“Why did it happen?” we are often tempted to ask ourselves when confronted with a snag of some kind. We can learn to see that question for what it is: a detour. If pursued, such a question could lure us deeper into the difficulty.

Christian Science takes us in the opposite direction, to reasoning based on spiritual facts. God is Love, the source of all good. God is never the source of evil, or bad results. If God could, or would, cause bad results, He would not be Love. He would not be God.

God is infinite, filling all space. We are His children, always held in God’s care. How could divine, never-ending Love cause

evil? So one thing is certain: the difficulties we may encounter don't come from God.

Since God, good, fills all space, where can disease or danger come from? The answer is that they don't come from anywhere; evil is not real. Its suggestions are lies. Mortal mind offers these lies, and often we are tempted to believe them. When we do, *that's* the problem.

Mortal mind is described by Mrs. Eddy in *Science and Health* as "nothing claiming to be something, for Mind is immortal . . . ." <sup>1</sup> This mortal opposite of Mind would fool us into believing that it is real. How can we avoid this costly error? By denying the false causes, both apparent and hidden, and affirming the true cause, Mind, or God. Mrs. Eddy writes: "There is but one primal cause. Therefore there can be no effect from any other cause, and there can be no reality in aught which does not proceed from this great and only cause." <sup>2</sup>

Early one morning I stubbed a toe against a wall. There was a lot of pain. I was tempted to acknowledge matter as the cause of the pain: the impact of the toe against the wall, my hurrying, my clumsiness, and so on. I was not healed until, that afternoon, I gave up this false, erring line of reasoning. I threw out the lie that pictured me as a clumsy mortal rushing around making mistakes and prayed to see myself more as God knows me: perfect, expressing His perfection. I was healed within the hour. This was the effect of the Christ, active in consciousness, bringing me a deeper awareness of my true being.

The Bible states, "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions." <sup>3</sup> Let's stick to the man that evidences only God's goodness and disregard the mortal inventions. Let's lock out the false beliefs of cause and give continuing thanks to God, the real cause.

<sup>1</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 591; <sup>2</sup> *ibid.*, p. 207; <sup>3</sup> Eccl. 7:29.



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# An interview: with a woman pilot

by PERSIS E. ZUBER

*Marion Barnick has been a Christian Scientist since age five, when she was healed of severe deafness. Her extensive flying career began in college and includes training general aviation pilots, later owning and operating an airfield offering charter flights, instruction, and rentals, as well as repairing and rebuilding all makes of general aviation planes. She is presently a partner in Gee Bee Aero in San Jose, California.*

**Looking back over your years in aviation, would you say you met with much resistance because you are a woman?**

I'm sure I did. When I taught combat pilots there were several instances of men reluctant to be taught by a woman, but that seemed to be the way the world was. My concern for their instruction and my love of flying usually won them over. Actually, men have been less of a problem than other women who seemed to resent our entry into the so-called man's world. And, until very recently, there were some airlines who snapped up men trained by women but who refused to hire the women who trained them.

**How do you feel these prejudices can be wiped out?**

You remember that Mrs. Eddy says: "Gender is mental, not material. . . . Gender means simply *kind* or *sort*, and does not necessarily refer either to masculinity or femininity."<sup>1</sup>

Since God, whom we know as Father-Mother, has both masculine and feminine qualities, it follows that His spiritual reflections must have them, too. I feel that when people come to

realize that masculine and feminine characteristics are not so much separated in the sexes as actually combined in each of us, then ingrained hostilities will vanish. Which reminds me of one of my check pilots. He was a very large man, and I a not very tall young woman. Yet *he* had to keep impressing on *me* the need for gentleness. "Be gentle on the controls," he would urge. He possessed a necessary characteristic that I needed to learn!

**You have widely competed in Powder-Puff Derbys and other air events. How do you prepare for these metaphysically?**

Well, Christian Science has been so deeply a part of my life that I handle flying just like any other activity. When we live with the conviction that God, good, is *all* there is, that man is never for an instant outside the perimeter of His vast love and protection, then we are guided and cared for, whether it's flying or doing housework or driving a car. Science has always backboned my life. I can't conceive of being without it.

Since Mind is the only governing intelligence, and each identity is an idea in Mind, everyone—whether pilot or homemaker—can always know what he or she needs to know. In flying you always make extensive ground preparations and are obedient to safety regulations. You would naturally try to rule out all rash actions or any temptation to ease up on strict discipline. Alertness to Mind's directing simply must rule out human error. Alertness in the cockpit is a natural outcome of divine Mind's communicating to the human consciousness.

**Have sudden weather changes while you were flying ever been a problem?**

I vividly remember one time. It was just another instance of God's omnipresence evidenced. You know, it only takes one person's clear thought in any situation to assure safety. When preparing for the London (England) to Victoria (British Columbia) air race, I had to fly with a qualified ferry pilot in order to fulfill insurance requirements. On the second leg of the trip, from Iceland to Goose Bay, Newfoundland, we encountered a storm we couldn't fly over. We began icing up and were unable to get rid of the ice even with our wing de-icer boots. So descending was



our only choice. I was quietly knowing that God, good, brings us *all the way*. Part of the way isn't much good several hundred miles out over the ocean in a land plane! We were grateful to break out into better visibility and non-icing just a few feet above the water. There is a phenomenon called "ground effect" just above either water or land that gives an aircraft more lift. We knew we could take advantage of this if our visibility held. It did. Goose Bay airport looked mighty good when we got there. The ferry pilot expressed his appreciation that I'd been along on this particular trip. I was grateful that at no time had fear been a problem.

**I would think intuition would play a part in your work.**

As I said before, Mind communicates clearly what we need to know. Listening becomes very important—as it is in all activities. I am convinced that because of this awareness, I have never been in a sticky flying situation in which an answer didn't come very quickly. But I can recall an instance on the ground when intuition came to my rescue. During a severe drought, our airport ran out of water. There was an areawide ban on water use—a definite crisis. Deepening our well, we were assured, would be a useless expense, as the water level had dropped too low. I reasoned that we were conducting a useful business and that water was a legitimate need, not only for the comfort of our customers and personnel but to keep things clean. Certainly this Bible verse applied: "Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."<sup>2</sup> And He didn't let us down. I was convinced that by lowering the casing we would reach water, so I authorized the driller to do this. Water was there—enough to hold us through the drought. It is always the "Father's good pleasure to give [us] the kingdom."<sup>3</sup> It is already, *already* here!

**We have just completed a flight of seventeen minutes in your single-engine Cessna Skyhawk and have landed in a remote valley two and one half hours by car from the airport. What was your purpose in bringing us here?**

I wanted you to see what a sense of freedom and dominion flying gives. Flying is entering another environment—a new

world not necessarily in line with the earth. We could say that the laws of flight give a sense of equipoise—a hint of release from earth concepts and limitations. From the air, one is no longer perpendicular to the earth. I feel a freedom up there to align myself with what the hymn calls “the wide horizon’s grander view,”<sup>4</sup> a glimpse of something beyond earth’s limitations. Didn’t God give man dominion over all the earth?

### **Some people worry about flying. How would you help them?**

Obviously, someone coming to me for flight instruction wouldn’t have that problem in a serious way. But for those who did, I would try to replace their fear with knowledge—explain that engine noise, turbulence, banking, and so forth are just normal parts of flying. Also the one who’s afraid desperately needs to know he’s loved and cared for. I feel that if the person could be made to comprehend the ever-presence of God, His all-power and all-might, he would lose his fear.

While statistics tell us that we are safer in flight than in our automobiles on the way to the airport, still it is the understanding of the ever-presence of divine Love and the utter nowhereness of evil that brings release from anxiety.

### **How do you see woman’s place in aviation in the future?**

It is unlimited in every direction—not just aviation. What Mrs. Eddy once said still holds true: “In natural law and in religion the right of woman to fill the highest measure of enlightened understanding and the highest places in government, is inalienable, and these rights are ably vindicated by the noblest of both sexes. This is woman’s hour, with all its sweet amenities and its moral and religious reforms.”<sup>5</sup>

With an ever-enlightened view of who she is as a spiritual idea—including both masculine and feminine qualities as a complete idea of divine Mind—a woman can go into any profession with assurance and be a success.

<sup>1</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 508; <sup>2</sup> Matt. 6:8; <sup>3</sup> Luke 12:32; <sup>4</sup> *Christian Science Hymnal*, No. 218; <sup>5</sup> *No and Yes*, p. 45.

A black and white photograph of a cloudy sky. A single bird is in flight on the right side. The foreground shows the silhouettes of tall grass.

## Safe flight

Idea fallen? Could that be?  
To plummet from reality,  
Be dropped from His encircling arm,  
Or come to any kind of harm?

Idea sheltered, safe, secure,  
Life-created to endure!  
Idea held, yet unconfined,  
Forever in the grasp of Mind!

Marjorie K. Talbot



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# My encounter with Christian Science

HELEN MARGARET SYKES

**One of an occasional series of articles by young people who have in recent years become students of Christian Science. They explain how they became interested in Christian Science, what convinced them of its utility and truth, and how its teachings have changed their lives.**

On looking back over the way things have worked out for me, I don't regret that as a young child I had no strict religious instruction. My parents had decided that my brother and I should find our own answers on spiritual matters, and they provided a sound basis for us to make such judgments by encouraging us to aim for the best in life, whether in schoolwork, homelife, or team games. At my own request I had attended two different Protestant Sunday schools, where I learned about the Bible and the framework it provides for moral standards.

However, during high school a number of my classmates became deeply involved with religious activities of an evangelical character. Part of their approach was to share with the rest of us their personal accounts of how they'd been "saved by Jesus." Many felt their lives had been transformed by what they had found. Their wholehearted commitment to study of the Bible and the way they shared their insights with others were at once a wonderful example and a staggering rebuke to someone who, like me, had always gone along happily, unchallenged by deep theological questions.

They claimed that although originally created by God in His image, all men born into this world are condemned as sinners because of Adam and Eve's having disobeyed God's command

not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The only way, they said, to escape the consequences of this curse was for each individual to find salvation in a personal relationship to Jesus Christ, who alone was good enough to bridge the gap between God and mortal sinners.

Though I respected the sincerity of their outlook, I found myself unable to agree with them on this point, not because I didn't believe that the Bible contained this story, but because I felt there just had to be another way of viewing it. When I heard about Christian Science a few months later, its fundamental teaching was explained to me: there is one power—good, or God—and His creation is perfect. Moreover, there is no other power that can in any way overturn this fact. This simple but profound truth brought me an instantaneous healing when I pondered its relation to myself. Naturally I was encouraged to look further.

Shortly afterward I attended a Sunday service at a branch Church of Christ, Scientist, where I heard the Lesson-Sermon<sup>1</sup> entitled “Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?” What I gleaned from it made real sense to me in the light of my recent healing, namely that the power of God, good, destroys evil, which, being unlike good, is bereft of real basis or support. But how did all this relate to the views of my high school friends?

While reading the textbook of Christian Science, *Science and Health* by Mary Baker Eddy, I found the chapter entitled “Genesis” particularly helpful in untangling the theological snarls then perplexing me. Following her exegesis of Gen. 1:1—Gen. 2:6, Mrs. Eddy states, “It may be worth while here to remark that, according to the best scholars, there are clear evidences of two distinct documents in the early part of the book of Genesis.”<sup>2</sup>

The first account of creation in Genesis describes a perfect, intact, and spiritual universe that God declares to be good and complete. “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.”<sup>3</sup> I saw that the account of the creation of man from the dust, which follows in the second chapter, doesn't correspond at all to the first. I then had to understand how this distinction could help me. The answer came in this way. To break down the limitations of mortality, typified in the second

account of creation, each individual must relate the human sense of existence to the perfect record of creation earlier described in Genesis 1. Paul writes, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh." He goes on to indicate how we do war: by "bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."<sup>4</sup>

It was significant to me that Paul wrote "Christ" and not "Jesus," since Mrs. Eddy draws a distinction between the two terms. "Jesus" identifies the man whose human life fulfilled biblical prophecy by the divinity, or divine reality, he lived and taught. This reality—Truth itself being expressed—Mrs. Eddy refers to as "Christ."

In this light many Bible passages became more clearly understandable, more beautifully consistent with Paul's statement, "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."<sup>5</sup> The questions I had puzzled over while talking with my school friends had been resolved. The Bible itself supported the answers, when examined in the light of the revelation Mrs. Eddy has given the world. My encounter with Christian Science was a natural development in my religious experience. It took place when I could no longer go along wholeheartedly with traditional theological views. However, the steps leading up to this stage helped prepare me for the encounter with Science, an encounter that has changed my life very much for the better.

<sup>1</sup> In the *Christian Science Quarterly*; <sup>2</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 523; <sup>3</sup> Gen. 2:1; <sup>4</sup> II Cor. 10:3, 5; <sup>5</sup> I Cor. 15:22.

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*And in that day  
shall the deaf hear the words of the book,  
and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity,  
and out of darkness.*

*The meek also  
shall increase their joy in the Lord,  
and the poor among men shall rejoice  
in the Holy One of Israel.*

Isaiah 29:18, 19



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# No space for evil in the presence of God

ALAN A. AYLWIN

When I was a small child, I had a nightmare where, in a semi-awake condition, I saw a dangerous animal in the corner of my bedroom. I cried out, and my father woke up and came to me. When I pointed in terror to the corner of my room, he went and stood there, showing me that he was filling all the space where danger seemed to be.

Many times in later years when I have been tempted to be afraid, I have harked back to that experience. Its simple lesson has reminded me that God, my real Father-Mother, is totally present at all times and under all circumstances. Literally, the one infinite Spirit, divine Love, is filling all the space where matter and its seemingly frightening conditions appear to be.

Always fear is the result of ignorance. We're being unwittingly taken in by the false evidence of the material senses. We're afraid of what we see because we have been falsely educated to accept without question that "seeing is believing." Mrs. Eddy tells us: "By those uninstructed in Christian Science, nothing is really understood of material existence. Mortals are believed to be here without their consent and to be removed as involuntarily, not knowing why nor when. As frightened children look everywhere for the imaginary ghost, so sick humanity sees danger in every direction, and looks for relief in all ways except the right one."<sup>1</sup>

However, as we begin to grasp the teachings of Christian Science, we get glimpses of the fact that because the creator is infinite Spirit and His creation is spiritual, all material phenomena must be counterfeits of reality. They, one and all, are illusive mental states, false subjective images with no more substance than the conditions we encounter in a dream. In the degree that

we are willing, on the basis of these metaphysical facts, to deny and consciously oppose the evidence of the material senses, the objects and conditions they appear to perceive will seem less forbidding and dangerous.

This helps to clear the way for a higher perception of Truth. With the mesmeric "pull" of sense testimony somewhat abated, we become more conscious of what really is there—the all-pervading presence of God, divine Love, and of man's real existence in and of this Love. We gain a measure of the confidence the Psalmist exhibited when he wrote, "Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."<sup>2</sup>

No physical plague could torment mankind if fear of disease, ignorance, or sin were destroyed in mortal thought. Fear is the prime culprit and, as indicated above, it arises from the basic lie that divine Love is absent, and that man is a mortal alone in an unpredictable soulless universe. This wrong view deeply disturbs thought—makes us fearful both consciously and unconsciously—and because the physical body is a figment of mortal thought, it tends to manifest this fear in functional or organic disease. This disease seems to be physical to the material sense beholding or experiencing it, but in every case it is primarily and secondarily a mortally mental phenomenon.

Mrs. Eddy tells us directly, "Fear is the fountain of sickness, and you master fear and sin through divine Mind; hence it is through divine Mind that you overcome disease."<sup>3</sup> As one grasps something of the deeply spiritual, but intensely practical, implications of this statement, he gains glimpses of man's true identity and its relation to God. One sees in steadily increasing measure that man hasn't a separate mind of his own in which fear thoughts run rampant. He is really an idea, or spiritual manifestation, of divine Mind, and because of this he must express the confidence and peace of his divine source. The real man, then, is unreachable by evil. He dwells in a fathomless ocean of divine good, where evil or the fear of evil is unknown.

We bring these facts to bear on what seems to be physical suffering when we prayerfully and persistently realize the healing

fact that divine Love is present and active right at the point where the trouble seems to be. Both cannot be there simultaneously, and this fact becomes increasingly apparent as we clearly realize that we live in the realm of God, who is our only Life and Mind.

It then becomes obvious that we can know and experience only what this living, loving Mind is manifesting—and this can only be confidence, peace, and harmony. As thought is filled with what Paul speaks of as “the fulness of him that filleth all in all,”<sup>4</sup> healing buoyancy wells up in consciousness, blotting out the anxiety—or even terror—underlying the suffering and healing it.

Mrs. Eddy’s words are clear and to the point: “Our surety is in our confidence that we are indeed dwellers in Truth and Love, man’s eternal mansion. Such a heavenly assurance ends all warfare, and bids tumult cease, for the good fight we have waged is over, and divine Love gives us the true sense of victory.”<sup>5</sup>

The truth contained in this wonderfully strengthening statement is the healing Christ-idea that Jesus utilized in countless incidents of healing and regeneration. When prayerfully realized and clung to, it will penetrate and fill the dark nooks and crannies of mortal thought, thus obliterating all fear and its harmful effects. We gain the certainty that infinite divine Love, God, is here, and therefore nothing unlike Him can possibly exist.

When we reach this point of spiritual realization, nothing is left to darken thought. We experience something of that spiritual consciousness the Revelator describes figuratively as the “new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven” and in which he says there shall not be “any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 371; <sup>2</sup> Ps. 91:9, 10; <sup>3</sup> *Science and Health*, pp. 391-392; <sup>4</sup> Eph. 1:23; <sup>5</sup> *Pulpit and Press*, p. 3; <sup>6</sup> Rev. 21:2, 4.



## Gasoline and the question of dependence

The gasoline shortage and the accompanying frustration, hostility between drivers competing for meager supplies, charges of institutional greed and government ineptitude, raise the broad question of just where our dependence is resting. Most of us usually look to material externals for substance and too rarely rely on our inner resources of spiritual inspiration and understanding. There is a need for a spiritual revolution, for a rapid move to more spiritual values. Otherwise we will always be mastered by externals rather than directed by God. Our adopting a spiritual basis of thought, individually, is the way to improve externals. Outward experience, Christian Science shows, tends to reflect our inner sense of things.

So material conditions shouldn't be allowed—needn't be—to dictate the level of our contentment and freedom. In reality, man is not a mortal, reliant on matter; but an immortal, reliant on divine Spirit for substance, activity, being. The works of Christ Jesus illustrate this. Spirit is self-existent and self-dependent. Man is the very outcome of Spirit. He lives independent of erratic material cycles of glut and drought. He lives as the beneficiary of Spirit's cycles of good.

While most of us benefit from the fruits of modern economic and commercial organization, and of modern technology, those are not the ultimate source of whatever conveniences we may enjoy in life. We should cultivate a more constant consciousness of relying on Spirit for being, and deny that man is actually dependent on matter for freedom and substance. The result of a deepening spirituality of standpoint is not a human life of less dominion and convenience, but one in which dominion and

convenience are more stable because they are the outflowing of spiritual consciousness, not the happenstances of matter.

“Our reliance upon material things must be transferred to a perception of and dependence on spiritual things. For Spirit to be supreme in demonstration, it must be supreme in our affections, and we must be clad with divine power,” Mary Baker Eddy says. “Purity, self-renunciation, faith, and understanding must reduce all things real to their own mental denomination, Mind, which divides, subdivides, increases, diminishes, constitutes, and sustains, according to the law of God.”<sup>1</sup>

The gasoline shortage is just one example of our need to seek metaphysical answers to physical quandaries. To *first of all* explore for solutions to such challenges from a Christian metaphysical base camp is not naive. It is profoundly intelligent. Experience expresses mental states. We don’t have to be helpless spectators of what is going on “outside,” but can be active participants in what is going on “inside,” within our own sense of things. We can today fuel our own thought with spiritual truths. We can adopt the simple value structure of the Psalmist: “It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.”<sup>2</sup>

To depend on spiritual rather than material things (essentially a mental activity) is to bring into operation God’s law of amplitude. Divine Mind’s ideas are infinite, its activities intelligent, its provision for man inexhaustible. Knowing this opens the way to practical proof that it is divine Mind, not mortal reason, which successfully “divides, subdivides, increases, diminishes, constitutes, and sustains.” The spiritual things of Mind cannot be taken away, rationed, diverted, misused. Man always has access to them because man always includes the ideas of Mind.

God doesn’t work through matter but exists instead of matter. Spirit and its ideally governed creation is existing right now, even where human sense may believe it sees a physical man and universe dependent on matter and suffering its limitations. God can never depend on matter—nor can man—because in the all-presence of Spirit there is no matter. Man’s well-being is not at the mercy of economic decisions, political expedients, distribution networks, but is safe in God. We can depend on that.

<sup>1</sup> *Retrospection and Introspection*, p. 28; <sup>2</sup> Ps. 118:8.

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## Airport

An airport, this gathering place of people on the move—business men and women, vacationers, grandparents visiting distant families—is a vivid symbol of this late-twentieth-century world. It can remind us of some important spiritual truths.

At least, that was my feeling as I waited in an airline's departure lounge.

A wait at an airport is an occasion for metaphysical resolving, seeing the spiritual truth of things that come to our attention. This, of course, applies to many situations in our everyday lives. However, an airport, or a bus station, or a crowded highway can remind us of special, specific truths.

We can and should, as regularly as possible, translate human experiences, appearances, events, into spiritual realities. "Metaphysics," Mary Baker Eddy writes, "resolves things into thoughts, and exchanges the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul.

"These ideas are perfectly real and tangible to spiritual consciousness, and they have this advantage over the objects and thoughts of material sense,—they are good and eternal."<sup>1</sup>

An airport is a lively microcosm of modern living, an indicator of how much the world has changed and speeded up in this century. Fundamentally, the instigator of progressive change is divine Truth, acting on human thought, cracking and loosening the human sense of limitation. What is bringing dynamic change is the action in thought of the spiritual fact of the unreality of matter, time, and space.

In respect to communications, and to transport especially, it's liberating to grasp Mrs. Eddy's assertion: "Coming and going



belong to mortal consciousness.”<sup>2</sup> This doesn’t imply, of course, that we should not move about, but it does indicate that we can make needed moves more easily. Through spiritual understanding and living we have dominion over mortal mind and its “coming” and “going.” We have grounds, then, for putting travel into the right spiritual perspective. In scientific reality there is no material going and coming. What is always taking place is divine Life’s omnipresent expression of itself in every corner of the universe.

Crowds, with their mixture of types and races, hint at the diversity of Soul, infinite in self-expression. Soul expresses itself in diverse ways, but all its ideas are compatible with Soul and therefore with one another. There is no clogging of the ideas of Soul nor friction between them. All are in concord because of their infinitely intelligent and concordant origin, God.

A good deal has been given in these periodicals in recent years of the spiritual truth about the energy shortage—truth highlighting the inexhaustible substance of living Spirit. But we need continuing, fresh spiritual vigor in knowing the truth about energy lack. The energy shortage points, by reversal, to the abundant power of Spirit. We can know that man is not locked into hard-to-move matter, not imprisoned in material objects needing to overcome inertial resistance in order to move, and taking material energy to do so. Man acts freely, in an orderly way, in the limitlessness of Spirit.

In a buoyant spiritual insight (incidentally, quite appropriate for the flier), Mrs. Eddy says: “Mind, joyous in strength, dwells in the realm of Mind. Mind’s infinite ideas run and disport themselves. In humility they climb the heights of holiness.”<sup>3</sup> Omnipresence belongs to divine Mind, eternal consciousness, and to Mind’s ideas. Knowing this helps mankind overcome the limitations of the clock and of miles.

Residents near airports sometimes complain about noise pollution. A corrective truth of the situation is that there are no disturbances in the stillness of immortal being. In the reality of things, there are no interferences and no matter-sounds to jar the peacefulness of man’s being. We can bring such healing truths to bear in a way that will help airport and aircraft designers and

those deciding airport placement to find better and more successful solutions to irritations related to aviation.

And a further point: Safety does not come through the fastening of seat belts (sensible though their use might be), but through the fastening of thought on the invulnerable, accident-free nature of God's idea. Man lives safely in Spirit, he doesn't move in matter, and our knowing this can help make travel more secure. Spirit is everlastingly ideal in its self-government and directs the universe and man, which express Spirit with perfection. Christ Jesus knew and proved this. There is no more secure place to be than in Spirit and nothing more protective than knowing that in Spirit is where we move and live. As though mentally giving the universe to Spirit rather than matter, the Psalmist said, "The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them." <sup>4</sup>

Jet lag, the difficulty of adjusting to new time zones after moving quickly from others, is a relatively new challenge. There is no jet lag, no time lapse, between Life and its expression, man—no beliefs of time to intrude themselves disturbingly into man's eternal being.

Hence no delays can disrupt Mind's action, and no delays of good can be suffered by its reflection. God's reflection cannot simmer with impatience at delays!

Wherever we are, in an airport or in the kitchen at home, in the assembly plant or office, we can translate material appearances into spiritual realities. The outcome of this must be to help ourselves, and mankind in general, to enjoy more and more of ever-present, perfect divine reality.

GEOFFREY J. BARRATT

<sup>1</sup> *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 269; <sup>2</sup> *Unity of Good*, p. 61; <sup>3</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 514; <sup>4</sup> Ps. 89:11.

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## Our annual report to ourselves

When The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, holds its Annual Meeting at the beginning of June, in accordance with Church By-Laws members hear reports from its Clerk, Treasurer, and Committees. There is also provision in the *Church Manual* for reports from the Field (see *Manual of The Mother Church* by Mrs. Eddy, Art. XIII, Sect. 1).

Only the officers of the Church are required to be present, but some members from all over the world can usually be seen in Boston at this season. Various languages are heard, and it is evident that these members from out of town gain much inspiration from occasionally attending the meeting. They may not always know it, but they also bring valuable inspiration to those who live in Boston. Their joy in the truth, their evident devotion to Christian Science, and their often unspoken but nevertheless spiritually tangible "reports from the Field"—all contribute to the feeling of universal, purposeful activity and of the triumphant progress of scientific thought in the world today.

Just before the Annual Meeting of 1899, Mrs. Eddy wrote in a special communion message: "Brethren, our annual meeting is a grave guardian. It requires you to report progress, to refresh memory, to rejuvenate the branches and to vivify the buds, to bend upward the tendrils and to incline the vine towards the parent trunk. You come from feeding your flocks, big with promise; and you come with the sling of Israel's chosen one to meet the Goliaths."<sup>1</sup>

Our Leader's message to the members of the Church she founded, though written eighty years ago, is replete with advice, admonition, and prophecy deeply relevant to us today. This message can act as a reminder to all members, whether personally present in Boston or not, to pause and reflect on their recent spiritual progress—to examine themselves, recall lessons learned and triumphs of Truth's healing power they have recently enjoyed. It can awaken them to a new and deeper loyalty to God and to His Christ, the true idea, which brings to humanity a



more spiritual sense of being and its perfection under divine law and thereby heals. And it can strengthen their trust in God, the creative Principle of all, encouraging them to press on in faith and hope toward the ultimate goal—the goal of overthrowing belief in mortality and demonstrating the perfect spiritual nature of God's creation.

Mrs. Eddy's words can inspire members, wherever in the world they may be, to look to God in gratitude for the blessings they have received through His revelation of Christian Science, and for the benefits still to come from the inexhaustible source of His goodness and love.

The demand to pay grateful homage to God in this way is not new. The book of Malachi represents God as saying, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." <sup>2</sup>

God's blessings are not always of a kind we want to speak about in public. Sometimes they are not even of a kind we want to discuss privately with a friend. They are best cherished in our hearts as Mary pondered the events of the birth of Jesus. The shepherds, returning from the manger, made it widely known that she was the mother of the Messiah, "a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." But the Bible says, "Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." <sup>3</sup>

The progress we silently report to ourselves in gratitude to God may be of lessons learned through tribulation—of cherished material beliefs that have been wrested from us through salutary suffering. Or it may involve merciful awakening to the consciousness that life and intelligence are not mortal but immortal, thus relieving us not only of physical pain but also of the craving for sensory pleasure.

Progress heavenward is many-faceted. When bodily healing is needed, healing in thought can be expected to result in healing of the body, which is the objectification of thought. But progress often involves signs that are less outwardly visible—the overcoming of false traits of character and the less spectacular putting on of what Paul refers to as "the new man, which after

God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”<sup>4</sup> It means learning to love instead of feeling in one’s heart the hardness of hatred or the sharp pricks of jealousy or resentment. Or it may mean the overcoming of grief, with its empty sense of separation and loneliness.

According to divine law we are constantly progressing, moving out of the darkness of false belief into the light of spiritual understanding. “Each succeeding year unfolds wisdom, beauty, and holiness,”<sup>5</sup> writes our Leader. As each month of June approaches and we become aware of the recurring demand to report progress in our lives, we can be gratefully confident that we do have abundant tithes to bring to God’s storehouse. We know we have much for which to be grateful. We are nearer than ever before to the demonstration of spiritual perfection.

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<sup>1</sup> *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 125; <sup>2</sup> Mal. 3:10; <sup>3</sup> Luke 2:11, 19; <sup>4</sup> Eph. 4:24; <sup>5</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 246.

## To see great sights

Today I saw a burning bush  
and, recognizing holy ground,  
I doffed my earth-shod plans  
to hear God speak to me  
that I might know  
what I should do.  
Remembering other burning truths  
that would have lit my way  
had I not been intent upon  
some human plan I’d made,  
I now would stay on ground thus hedged  
and hear and do and prove.

BARBARA L. KELLY

# You can succeed in school

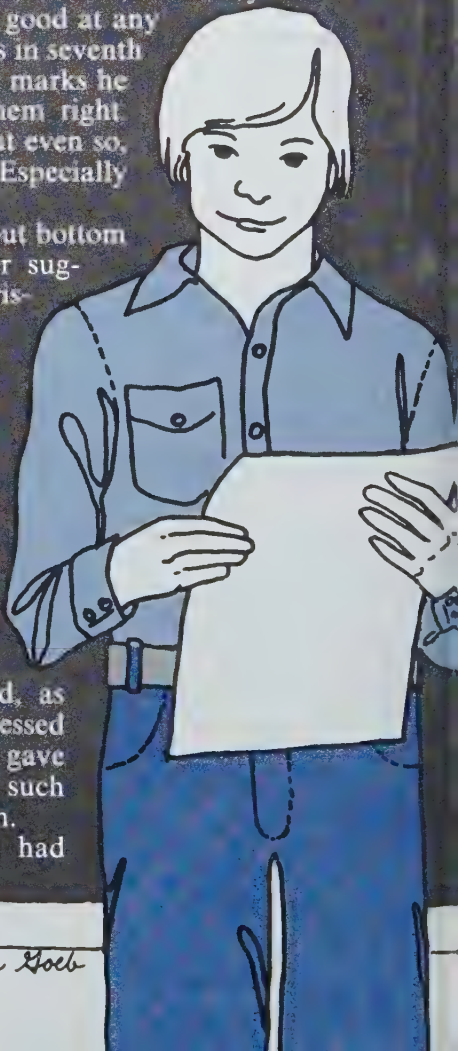
Frances L. West

This (true) story is written for anyone who thinks he or she is not any good at math, English, French, chemistry . . . .

David didn't think he was good at any of these. At least, his teachers in seventh grade said he wasn't, and the marks he received seemed to prove them right. He really was trying hard, but even so, things didn't get any better. Especially in algebra.

One day, when he was about bottom of the class, David's mother suggested he call a friend, a Christian Science practitioner, who could help him to pray about things. Well, talking to her couldn't make it any worse, David thought. So he called. Then he went round to the practitioner's house and talked things over. They agreed to pray together. The practitioner helped David to understand more about God and see more clearly that David, as God's child—His idea—expressed all the qualities that God gave him. He reflected qualities such as intelligence and perception.

Up to this point David had



Susan Goeb



been struggling to do the math problems and the English grammar on his own, and despairing when this often resulted in poor grades. Now he remembered each day that, as Jesus said, "I can of mine own self do nothing."<sup>1</sup> He remembered too that God is the only creator and each of His ideas expresses Him perfectly. Each idea is fearless and constantly guided and cared for by God. Understanding this, David had no need to fear the teachers who were impatient with him. Neither did he need to fear the older and apparently brighter students in the class.

David tried really hard to listen in class instead of daydream, and he asked questions when he didn't understand a point the teacher had made. He tried not to be careless too. The practitioner encouraged him to keep a notebook and write out Bible verses and passages from Mrs. Eddy's writings that would help him.

David and his friend both prayed through one term and into the next. Then, a week toward the end of the second term, David learned his class would have exams in every subject. It wasn't easy to keep from being scared. His grades for the term would largely depend on the results of the exams. The practitioner found a verse in Job and recommended he keep it with him. So David wrote out on a piece of paper, "He that is perfect in knowledge is with thee."<sup>2</sup> This reminded him that God was present with him—and in fact with everyone in the exam room. Because God is omniscient (all-knowing), His ideas reflect wisdom and intelligence, infinite ability. David knew this didn't mean he could laze through the term and then just turn the exam over to God. Working with God, he could prove that ability didn't depend on a brain—but on the fact that each idea reflects and expresses everything that God is. What was



really being tested was David's ability to understand and express God!

A week later they learned the results of the exams. David had not only passed in all his subjects but had been awarded "academic distinction" as well. David knew that what he had learned about turning to God for his intelligence and ability would stick with him for good.

Christian Science doesn't work just for David. It will work for anyone who is prepared to trust God and is eager to learn more about Him. Try it! Work on your own, with your Sunday School teacher, or with a practitioner. Christian Science will do more than help you with your math, English, Latin, or geography. Once you've gained even a tiny glimpse of the unlimited intelligence man reflects from God, you'll help others to see it too.

<sup>1</sup> John 5:30; <sup>2</sup> Job 36:4.

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## God is here

Working, praying,  
Sleeping, playing,  
Laughing, eating,  
Or in a meeting,  
God will always give you light.  
And you, His child, reflect that light,  
Morning, evening,  
Day or night.

Wendy Memmott  
[Written at age 10]

# Your part in humanity's progress

You've been studying Christian Science, and making forward strides in understanding true being. And you're seeing proofs of God's care in your everyday experience.

Perhaps now you're ready to enlarge your scope... to help others discover this truth for themselves. It could be time to join The Mother Church.

For one important work of this worldwide Church is to make the Word of Truth available to those who are seeking it. Distributing Mary Baker Eddy's writings, publishing this and other magazines, providing lecturers, offering support to the branch church, Reading Room and college organization serving your community — these are some of the ways it's done.

As a member, you take part in this great work. To apply, obtain the necessary form from a branch church clerk or any Christian Science practitioner, or write directly to

Clerk of The Mother Church  
The First Church of  
Christ, Scientist  
Christian Science Center  
Boston, MA, U.S.A. 02115



# Testimonies of Christian Science Healing

[Original in Spanish]

In *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* Mary Baker Eddy tells us (p. vii), "To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings." When I learned of Christian Science, I found myself filled with blessings.

Before this, I had been tired and depressed because of various problems. My health was broken, and after being under medical treatment for fifteen years I was, according to medical diagnoses, suffering from deformative rheumatism, arthritis, temporary deafness, yearly attacks of influenza, and problems with my throat. As I began to study Christian Science, I requested prayerful treatment from a practitioner. Although the deafness, influenza, and the throat condition were healed immediately, the other healings were slow but sure. I continued to have prayerful treatment in Christian Science and went daily to a Christian Science Reading Room. The prayer of the practitioner, together with my own work, brought a transformation of thought, and the other healings were completed. With firm faith in God, the "things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" became apparent (Heb. 11:1).

Science has been a great help to me. I have had many trials and have come out of them stronger, always depending on God. At the passing of relatives I found comfort in Hymn No. 174 in the *Christian Science Hymnal*, with these opening words: "Like as a

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The statements made in these testimonies with regard to healings have been carefully verified. The original testimonies and their respective verifications are on file for reference with The Christian Science Publishing Society.—THE EDITORS.



mother, God comforteth His children.” I am very grateful to God to be a member of The Mother Church and a branch church, and to be able to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

Oh, Thou hast heard my prayer;

And I am blest!

This is Thy high behest:

Thou, here and *everywhere*.

(*Poems* by Mrs. Eddy, p. 37.)

(Mrs.) ELSA VÁZQUEZ DE SOUTO  
Montevideo, Uruguay



Because of an unfortunate incident at the time of my birth, my sight was destroyed. My parents consulted three different specialists, and each confirmed I was blind.

Later a family friend, who had been healed in Christian Science and had become a Christian Science practitioner, visited our home. She was allowed to care for me. In her prayer, I am told, she saw clearly that sight is truly spiritual, and that in my real being I was the image of God, reflecting perfection. In three days the healing was complete.

This wonderful instance of sight restored brought my mother into Christian Science, and I now have a daughter and a granddaughter who are Scientists. We have had many healings in our family, including those of broken vertebrae and serious burns.

When I was appointed to a branch church activity, I was given an assignment unfamiliar to me. I had resisted the temptation to decline but had no idea how to begin. That evening I was troubled and prayed for divine Mind to show me the way, knowing that “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Ps. 46:1). I also knew that “with God all things are possible” (Mark 10:27).

In the night I woke with knowledge of the entire procedure to follow—every detail from beginning to end. I arose and wrote all of it down. After the process had been put into operation, the final result was a complete success. I thanked God for this answer to my prayer.

A close friend was hospitalized for lung cancer, and my concern for her was great. I neglected to guard my consciousness with truths of man's spiritual freedom as God's child. Two or three months later I developed the same symptoms. After several days of study and help from a practitioner, there was no change. I became fearful. I knew I needed to get a clear realization of my true, perfect selfhood; but the study seemed to be just words, so I prayed more earnestly for an understanding of God's help.

That night I felt compelled to look up Luke 8:50: "Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole." These words of Christ Jesus, spoken before he restored Jairus's daughter to life, freed me of all fear. I was immediately healed of all the troubling symptoms, and they have not recurred.

(Mrs.) LILLIAN RONAN  
Indianapolis, Indiana



The fact that Christian Science was introduced to my parents when I was quite young will always be cause for gratitude. Throughout the ensuing years complete reliance on God's healing power has brought many blessings.

One time I fell from a ladder, and my arm appeared to be broken. The pain was so intense that I called a Christian Science practitioner for help. Later I spoke with my Christian Science teacher concerning my decision to depend entirely on God for healing rather than having the arm X-rayed and set in a cast. He commended me on my desire to rely exclusively on God. But when he asked, "Are you happy?" I confess this sounded like a strange question to put to one suffering with pain and fearing the possibility of deformity. However, this question has helped me many times since, for after pondering why he had asked it, I learned that if we are seeing man's true nature as the perfect likeness of God, not subject to accidents or any claim of mortality, then we have no cause to be anything but happy. We understand that all the qualities derived from God are ours to reflect, and certainly this is reason for rejoicing.

As I cherished these truths of spiritual being, the healing was on its way. The pain stopped the first day, and in spite of swelling and an inability to use the arm normally, I was able to enjoy a combination business and pleasure trip to New York City. Upon my return home two weeks later, as proof of my recovery I participated in a ball game, using the healed arm to throw the ball.

Another testing time came when I had a slipped disk, which caused me much discomfort and loss of sleep. There seemed to be no position—sitting, standing, or lying down—that I could endure for long. This situation forced me to guard my every thought from the acceptance of false beliefs. To do this, I utilized the approach our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, gives us in *Science and Health* (p. 392): “Stand porter at the door of thought. Admitting only such conclusions as you wish realized in bodily results, you will control yourself harmoniously.” As I prayed in this way, a harmonious bodily condition soon resulted, and the healing was complete.

On another occasion there was a marvelous demonstration of God’s power, evidenced in the healing of blood poisoning and the restoration of flesh that appeared to be gangrenous.

An obstruction caused continual coughing that became quite alarming to those around me. A practitioner helped me realize the perfect, unobstructed nature of God and man in His image. This statement in *Science and Health* was a great comfort (p. 463): “A spiritual idea has not a single element of error, and this truth removes properly whatever is offensive.” The obstruction was eliminated naturally.

My gratitude is heartfelt for Christ Jesus, who showed us the way to recognize and claim our sonship with God, and for Mrs. Eddy, whose receptivity to God’s direction enabled her to discover and found Christian Science.

JAC T BOWEN  
Buena Vista, Colorado

I can verify that all of my husband’s healings took place during the years of our marriage just as he has related.

In the case of the blood poisoning, I was shown how to dress the hand that had apparently become gangrenous. This healing was accomplished after several months. The flesh was restored, and my husband has since had the use of that hand.

(Mrs.) ALVERNA W. BOWEN



[Original in French]

Several years ago I went through one of the most difficult trials of my life. Whenever I did much walking, one of my knees became swollen and painful. Doctors could not find the cause, and in vain I tried numerous remedies, wanting to be healed at any price. Following their advice, I was reduced to walking a few steps around my apartment. The future seemed dismal.

A friend had heard of healings in Christian Science and advised me to try it. At the time I was an atheist and, above all, did not want to hear talk about religion. Nevertheless I was ready to try anything to lead a normal life again. I attended testimony meetings conducted by Christian Scientists. I was very impressed by the healings attained solely through scientific prayer, but I thought they were reserved for people much better than I!

Then I went to see a Christian Science practitioner. I will never forget the way she talked to me about God, defining Him as Love. I felt that the faith and love she reflected were evidence that she understood this divine Truth I was seeking.

I began reading *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy continuously. Since the medicines I had taken for a month had not improved my condition, I was in despair, hardly daring to walk. I decided to throw out all those products and to gradually walk again. I went against the medical advice, but I was listening to the still small voice of Truth and obeying it. This passage encouraged me during times of doubt and uncertainty (Rev. 3:8): "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." All along the way I was helped by Scientists who comforted me and patiently answered my questions.



Although there had been considerable progress, my knee was still swollen, and I was afraid. So I went again to see a practitioner. That evening, while studying citations from *Science and Health*, I felt it mattered little what was to become of my life—I only wanted to get closer to God. I had been taking care of some children on a part-time basis, and I decided to give them all the love I could. A wonderful feeling of peace came over me. I had never felt such joy. The next day I suddenly realized I was completely healed. This proved to me that healing is possible for those who humbly yield to God in spiritual understanding and, as little children, listen and obey His direction.

(Miss) MARIEFRANCE TOFFIN  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada



[Original in German]

Late in 1976 I suddenly became very ill. Since I was living alone, and I could get no one to care for me, I was taken to a hospital. There doctors diagnosed various diseases: jaundice, a blood condition, inflammation of the liver and gallbladder, and gallstones. They considered my case to be hopeless and did not expect me to survive.

Despite this verdict, I did not lose the courage to live. I told the doctors I was a Christian Scientist and would not accept medical treatment because I wanted to rely solely on God for healing. They were astounded at this and pointed out the seriousness of my condition. But I held uninterruptedly to the truth: only God can really heal.

I asked a Christian Science practitioner to help me. And I adhered to my trust in God, knowing that nothing is impossible with Him. From then on my condition changed, and improvement gradually became evident. The shadows of death vanished. When the doctors saw my progress, they were pleased and granted my request for release from the hospital. In a short time my health was fully restored. All the diseases had been healed. I can say, in the words of Christ Jesus, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me" (John 11:41).

Since God is ever present, time cannot separate us from Him. He creates and knows us as His perfect spiritual ideas. More meaningful to me than the physical healing is the marvelous spiritual uplift I received. It has resulted in my genuine desire to help others as I have been helped.

(Mrs.) HELENE SCHULZ  
Iserlohn, Federal Republic of Germany



A healing of the smoking habit advanced my spiritual understanding sufficiently to seal my conviction of the Christian Science way of life. Up to this point I had received several physical healings that seemed to me quite spectacular. Now I wanted to join the Church of Christ, Scientist. Although I had help from a Christian Science practitioner, the desire to smoke did not leave me. I later realized I was not then willing to be relieved of the habit. (I was an inveterate smoker and averaged about two packs a day.)

When I was more receptive to spiritual truths, I asked another practitioner for help. She pointed out that the use of human will does not bring healing, and she gave me this citation from *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy to ponder (p. 471): "The facts of divine Science should be admitted,—although the evidence as to these facts is not supported by evil, by matter, or by material sense,—because the evidence that God and man coexist is fully sustained by spiritual sense."

One day as I lighted a cigarette, this question arose: "The cigarette has no intelligence, so what is wrong with this habit?" Then came another question, "When you are tired, restless, bored, or troubled, do you first turn to God, or do you first take a cigarette and then turn to God?" I realized the latter was always the case and saw instantly that I was breaking the first commandment (Ex. 20:3), "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." This brought my release, and from that moment on I have never again desired to smoke.

I have always been especially grateful for this healing, which occurred some twenty years ago, for I was shown so clearly how

freedom is won through spiritual understanding. This lesson has served me well and enabled me to gain dominion in other times of challenge. Truly, Christian Science has blessed every department of my life.

(Miss) VIRGINIA ELLEN BAILEY  
Floral Park, New York



Recently a painful, enlarging growth appeared on my forehead. I am a schoolteacher, and the condition drew comments from my fellow teachers and even the youngest of my pupils. The school nurse felt medical attention was imperative.

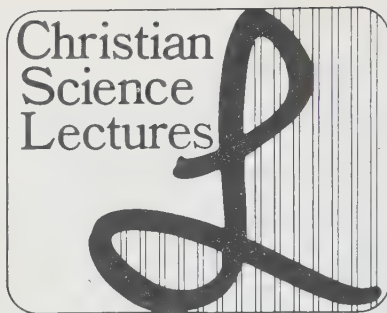
I was afraid and asked for help from a Christian Science practitioner. She reminded me that our “life is hid with Christ in God” (Col. 3:3), and therefore no one can see what God has not made—what He Himself does not see. In my true nature I am the flawless idea of God’s creating.

The growth was covered with a plain bandage. Several people asked if I had had an operation, but I realized that most of them were moved by genuine concern.

One day the growth came away in my hand, leaving a deep hole. But a few days later the hole had filled in naturally, and my forehead was again normal in appearance. Now I could see clearly that the condition had never really been a part of me, and that true growth is spiritual, never material.

During many years of teaching I have been protected in the face of all kinds of diseases considered to be contagious. Once or twice during flu epidemics the symptoms of this illness were quickly healed. All my needs have been amply met—sometimes in totally unexpected ways. Truly “my cup runneth over” (Ps. 23:5). Christian Science has been my only physician for many happy and health-filled years.

(Mrs.) LILLIAN PIER FRESTON  
Mexico City, Mexico



Everyone is cordially invited to these free lectures.

‡ Indicates Children's Room available during lectures.

\* If details such as time, place, title, or child care facilities are missing from a church's listing, please see local publicity.

## UNITED STATES

(Week of June 17 to 23  
and some earlier dates)

**CALIFORNIA—Livermore** (joint lecture):  
11am‡, Sat, June 23, "Go Forth in Safety"  
(Driver)\*

**Lodi:** Church, 322 Elm st, 8pm‡, Tues,  
June 19, "Get Your Life in Balance"  
(Driver)

**Los Angeles** (Twenty-ninth): Church, 3669 W  
54th st, 3pm‡, Sun, June 17, "Go Forth in  
Safety" (Driver)

**Monterey:** Monterey Conference Center, 1  
Portola Plaza, 8pm‡, Fri, June 22, "Ageless  
Youth" (Driver)

**San Bernardino:** City Convention Center, 303  
North E st, 12 noon‡, Mon, June 18, "Go  
Forth in Safety" (Driver)

**San Rafael:** Church, 1618 5th av, 8pm‡,  
Thurs, June 21, "Go Forth in Safety"  
(Driver)

**CONNECTICUT—Darien:** Church, 2331 Post  
rd, 8.30pm‡, Thurs, June 21, "God, You, and  
the Kingdom of Heaven" (Pickett)

**GEORGIA—Atlanta** (joint lecture): Townhouse  
Motor Inn, 100 10th st, NW, 8pm‡, Fri,  
June 22, "God Is Your Provider" (Alton)

**ILLINOIS—Naperville:** Church, Plainfield and  
Oswego rds, 2pm‡, Sun, June 17, "God, You,  
and the Kingdom of Heaven" (Pickett)

**Springfield:** Carnegie Lincoln Library, 7th st  
and Capitol av, 3pm‡, Sat, June 23, "There's  
Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

**Waukegan:** Community rm, Lakehurst  
Shopping Center, Waukegan rd, 3pm, Sun,  
June 17, "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

**INDIANA—Carmel** (First, Lebanon):  
Indianapolis Horse Patrol, 3631 W 106th st,  
8pm‡, Mon, June 18, "God, You, and the  
Kingdom of Heaven" (Pickett)

**Indianapolis** (Fifth): Church, 655 E 62d st,  
8pm‡, Thurs, June 21, "The Search for Life"  
(McGrew)

**Indianapolis** (Sixth): Auditorium, Decatur High  
School, 5251 Kentucky av, 7.30pm‡, Tues,  
June 19, "The Spiritual Viewpoint" (Correll)

**New Albany:** St Mark's United Church of  
Christ, 222 E Spring st, 3pm‡, Sun, June 17,  
"Dare to Care" (Houston)

**Richmond:** Church, 1417 North A st, 8pm‡,  
Mon, June 18, "There's Only One Real Ego"  
(Correll)

**IOWA—Cedar Rapids:** Church, 1242 2d av, SE,  
8pm‡, Mon, June 18, "Dare to Care"  
(Houston)

**KANSAS—Topeka:** Gage Park Amphitheater,  
6th st and Gage blv, 7pm‡, Mon, June 18,  
"Freedom to Be Yourself" (Robbins)

**MARYLAND—Baltimore** (joint lecture):  
Hopkins Plaza, 12.10pm, Tues, June 19,  
"Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" (Leever)

**Bowie:** Cultural Arts Center, Whitmarsh Park,  
Rte 3, S from Rte 450, 8pm, Mon, June 18,  
"God Is Your Provider" (Alton) Note ‡ at  
Church, 12219 Tulip Grove dr

**Westminster:** Baker Chapel, Western Maryland  
College, 3pm‡, Sun, June 17, "God Is Your  
Provider" (Alton)

**MASSACHUSETTS—Boston** (The First Church  
of Christ, Scientist): Faneuil Hall, Merchants  
Row, 11am, Sat, June 9, "No, You're Not  
Trapped!" (Leever)



**Holyoke:** Church, 76 Lincoln st, 8.15pm±, Tues, June 19, "God, You, and the Kingdom of Heaven" (Pickett)

**MICHIGAN—Dearborn:** Church, 22000 Morley av, 8pm±, Fri, June 22, "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

**Detroit** (Fourth): Church, 24400 W Seven Mile rd, 11am±, Sat, June 23, "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

**Royal Oak:** Church, 900 W 4th st, 8pm±, Fri, June 22, "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

**MINNESOTA—Brainerd:** Park United Methodist Church, 315 N 6th st, 3pm±, Sun, June 17, "Your Unlimited Opportunities" (McGrew)

**Minneapolis** (joint lecture): IDS Conference Theatre, Nicollet Mall and 7th st, 12 noon, Tues, June 19, "Something to Depend On" (Jenks)

**St Paul** (Second): Highland Park Sr High School, 8pm±, Mon, June 18, "Your Unlimited Opportunities" (McGrew)

**MISSOURI—Hannibal:** Church, 115 S 10th st, 8pm, Thurs, June 21, "Dare to Care" (Houston)

**Kansas City** (Seventh): Plaza Theater, 4701 Wyandotte, 11am±, Sat, June 23, "Something to Depend On" (Jenks)

**NEBRASKA—Fairbury:** Church, 622 7th st, 3pm, Sun, June 17, "Visibility Unlimited" (Robbins)

**NEW HAMPSHIRE—Nashua:** Church, 115 Concord st, 8pm±, Fri, June 22, "God, You, and the Kingdom of Heaven" (Pickett)

**NEW JERSEY—Cranford:** Church, Miln st and Springfield av, 8.30pm±, Fri, June 22, "More than a Superstar" (Aghamalian)

**Hoboken:** Church, 829 Bloomfield st, 3.30pm, Sun, June 17, "Diana or Christ?" (Aghamalian)

**North Bergen:** Church, 911 82d st, 8.15pm, Thurs, June 21, "Who's at the Top of Your Pyramid?" (Rivas)

**NEW YORK—Freeport:** Church, Merrick rd and Elm place, 8.15pm±, Tues, June 19, "Diana or Christ?" (Aghamalian)

**Garden City:** Church, 401 Stewart av, 3.30pm±, Sun, June 17, "Do You Need a Change of Heart?" (Mondino)

**Jamaica, LI:** Church, 89–12 164th st, 3pm, Sat, June 23, "Are You Looking in the Right Direction?" (Rivas)

**Middletown:** Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Rte 211, E, 8pm±, Mon, June 18, "Are You Looking in the Right Direction?" (Rivas)

**Rockville Centre:** Church, 285 Morris av, 8.30pm±, Fri, June 22, "Who's at the Top of Your Pyramid?" (Rivas)

**Staten Island** (First): Church, 871 Castleton av, 3pm±, Sun, June 17, "Are You Looking in the Right Direction?" (Rivas)

**Utica:** Church, 1608 Genesee st, 3pm±, Sun, June 10, "The Language of Soul" (Clarke)

**NORTH CAROLINA—New Bern:** Tryon Palace Auditorium, Pollock and George sts, 8pm, Thurs, June 21, "God Is Your Provider" (Alton)

**OHIO—Canton:** Church, 1014 Cleveland av, 8pm±, Tues, June 19, "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

**Sidney:** Holiday Inn, I-75 and Rte 47, 8pm±, Sun, June 17, "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

**Wooster:** Church, 1736 Cleveland rd, 8pm±, Thurs, June 21, "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

**PENNSYLVANIA—Mt Lebanon:** Church, 1100 Washington rd, 8.15pm±, Mon, June 18, "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

**Philadelphia** (Second): Church, 5443 Greene st, 8pm±, Tues, June 19, "Do You Need a Change of Heart?" (Mondino)

**Scranton:** Church, 520 Vine st, 8.15pm±, Tues, June 19, "Are You Looking in the Right Direction?" (Rivas)

**West Chester:** West Chester Treadway Inn, Rte 202 and by-pass, 3pm, Sun, June 17, "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

**SOUTH DAKOTA—Sioux Falls:** Holiday Inn-Downtown, 100 W 8th st, 8pm, Tues, June 19, "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

**VIRGINIA—Alexandria:** Church, 1709 Russell rd, 3pm $\pm$ , Sun, June 17, "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

**Arlington** (First): Church, 890 McKinley rd, 8pm $\pm$ , Thurs, June 21, "Life Without Lack" (Mondino)

**WISCONSIN—Elkhorn:** Church, 319 N Broad st, 8pm, Mon, June 18, "The Language of Soul" (Clarke)

**Madison** (First): Church, 315 Wisconsin av, 3pm $\pm$ , Sun, June 17, "The Language of Soul" (Clarke)

**Milwaukee** (Second): Church, 2722 W Highland blv, 3pm $\pm$ , Sun, June 17, "Dare to Care" (Houston)

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